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The meeting was called to order at 11.50 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF STATES PARTIES (agenda item 4) (continued)

1. The CHAIRPERSON invited the Committee to adopt the concluding observations concerning the initial reports that it had considered at its fourteenth session.

Initial report of Bulgaria (CRC/C/8/Add.29)

2. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the draft concluding observations of the Committee on the initial report of Bulgaria (CRC/C/15/Add.66).

3. The concluding observations on the initial report of Bulgaria were adopted.

Initial report of Ethiopia (CRC/C/8/Add.27)

4. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the draft concluding observations of the Committee on the initial report of Ethiopia (CRC/C/15/Add.67).

5. The concluding observations on the initial report of Ethiopia were adopted.

Initial report of Panama (CRC/C/8/Add.28)

6. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the draft concluding observations of the Committee on the initial report of Panama (CRC/C/15/Add.68).

7. The concluding observations on the initial report of Panama were adopted.

Initial report of Myanmar (CRC/C/8/Add.9)

8. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the draft concluding observations of the Committee on the initial report of Myanmar (CRC/C/15/Add.69).

9. The concluding observations on the initial report of Myanmar were adopted.

Initial report of the Syrian Arab Republic (CRC/C/28/Add.2)

10. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the draft concluding observations of the Committee on the initial report of the Syrian Arab Republic (CRC/C/15/Add.70).

11. The concluding observations on the initial report of the Syrian Arab Republic were adopted.

Initial report of New Zealand (CRC/C/28/Add.3)

12. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the draft concluding observations of the Committee on the initial report of New Zealand (CRC/C/15/Add.71).

13. The concluding observations on the initial report of New Zealand were adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION (CRC/C/62)

14. The CHAIRPERSON invited the Rapporteur, Mrs. Santos Pais, to introduce the draft report of the Committee on its fourteenth session (CRC/C/62) with a view to its adoption.

15. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur), introducing the draft report of the Committee on its fourteenth session (CRC/C/62), briefly summarized its main chapters: organizational and other matters, reports by States Parties under article 44 of the Convention and overview of the other activities of the Committee. The last of those chapters was devoted primarily to the joint meetings of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, cooperation with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the meeting with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the former Yugoslavia, and the results of the third session of the Working Group responsible for developing a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on involvement of children in armed conflicts.

16. The CHAIRPERSON said that, if there was no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to approve the draft report on its fourteenth session.

17. It was so decided.

18. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS, whose term would expire at the end of the current session, wished as Rapporteur of the Committee, to thank her colleagues, the specialized agencies, the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the secretariat for their cooperation.

19. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the CHAIRPERSON declared the fourteenth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child closed.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.